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Honorable Francis P. McGranaghan
Chief of Police
Manchester, New Hampshire

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Dear Chief McGranaghan:

You have inquired whether the clubs serving liquor inside Grenier Air Force Base are governed under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or under federal laws. In this connection you have advised that ". . . the clubs are serving liquor well into the early morning hours and enjoying a latitude denied to local licensed clubs and cocktail lounges."

On January 19, 1948, the Attorney General's office advised the State Liquor Commission in a formal opinion that it did ". . . not have authority or jurisdiction over such a Club, nor can the laws of New Hampshire be applied to the transportation or possession of liquor necessitated by the operation of such a Club." In this connection, at that time, as appeared in that opinion, it was understood that the Federal Government had established Grenier Field as an army reservation used by the U. S. Air Force, and that regulations had been promulgated within the Air Force itself permitting the sale of liquor at an officers club upon the base.

If both these assumptions are still the fact, in my opinion the situation remains the same as long as Grenier Field remains in the operational management of the U. S. Air Force. Insofar as any criticism of your Department is concerned, I would be glad to help in arranging a conference between interested state and local agencies and appropriate federal authorities toward working out a completely satisfactory agreement in relation to law enforcement problems. As you may know, last year we worked out such an operating agreement in respect to federal installations in the Portsmouth area. I enclose two copies of this agreement for your information.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

Louis C. Wyman
Attorney General

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